(d) if so, the details thereof and the States to be covered under these phases;

(e) what amount is proposed to be spent in this regard; and

(f) what deadline has been fixed to complete the said plan?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (f) The administration of medical care under the ESI Scheme is the statutory responsibility of the respective State Governments, except in Delhi and NOIDA where the ESI Corporation is administering medical care directly. The improvement in medical care to workers covered under the scheme is a continuous process. The position is, however, reviwed periodically at different levels. The position of medical care in the States of Bihar, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Uttar Pradesh was reviewed recently and the Labour Ministers of these states have been addressed to make suitable improvements in the working of the ESI medical scheme. For this purpose, they have been requested to take following action:—

(i) to fill up all the vacant posts of medical officers and Specialists in the ESI hospitals/dispensaries;

(ii) to provide proper ambulance facilities for the use of beneficiaries;

(iii) to provide proper diet to the inpatients in the hospitals;

(iv) to pay proper attention towards repair and maintenance of the buildings of hospitals/dispensaries;

(v) to ensure that all the required equipments are available in proper working order in hospitals/dispensaries.

The expenditure incurred on the above items will be shared between the ESI Corporation and the State Government in the approved ratio of 7:1.

Participation by private sector in seed production

559. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be please to state:

(a) whether some companies in private sector have offered their participation in seed production programme of the country;

(b) if so, the details of such companies with background to such participation and also the details of the companies whose offer has been accepted by Government;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to encourage such companies to give their contribution in this programme;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether some foreign companies have been allowed to participate in the said programme; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the steps to be taken to dilute the influence of foreign companies in these programmes in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) to (d) No permission from the Government is required for companies to undertake seed production and distribution except for MRTP and FERA Companies. The details of the companies permitted foreign collaboration since the announcement of New Seed Policy is annexed. This would help in technology transfer. Further to encourage the production programmes the duty on certain seeds imports and seed processing equimpments, has also been reduced as envisaged under the New Seed Policy.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. Two FERA companies namely M/s. Sandoz India Ltd. and M/s Cargil Seeds India Pvt.

have been allowed to produce and sell seeds. These companies are required to produce and sell only certified seeds. The seed will be certified by Seed Certification Agencies set up by various States and the UT of Delhi and such production is permitted within the guidelines laid by the New Seed Policy.

Statement

Details of Foreign Collaboration approved by the Government of India form 1st October, 1988 for manufacture of Hybrid seeds in India

Sl. No.	Date of approval	Name and address of the Indian Company	Name of the Foreign Company.
1	2	3	4
1.	5.10.1988	M/s. PHI Biogene Pvt. Ltd., F–3, South Extension, New Delhi.	M/s. Pioneer Overseas Corporation, U.S.A.
2.	7.11.1988	M/s. Bihar Seeds Corporation, Industrial Area. P.O. Bettiah, West Champaran, Bihar-345438	M/s. Pacific Seeds, Australia.
3.	16.11.1988	M/s. Nath Seeds Pvt. Ltd. P.B. No. 318, Adalat Road, Aurangabad-431005	M/s. Dehl Gren & Co., U.S.A.
4.	28.8.1989	M/s. Belt Treetech Ltd.	M/s. Plantex, Australia.
5.	16.1.1990	M/s. Omega Agseeds India Ltd., 48, Bank Street Khatau Building Bombay-400023.	M/s Agseed Pty Ltd, Australia.
6.	8.3.1990	M/s. Bharat Pelverising Mills Ltd., Post Box No. 11481, Shrineketan, 14 Queen Road, Churchgate, Bombay.	M/s. Nova Seeds, U.S.A. and M/s Vetonag Seed Growers & Traders Enterprises, Hungary.
7.	25.6.1990	M/s. Bisco Seedtech Pvt. Ltd., G-19/8, Radhepuri Delhi-110051.	M/s. Agripro Bisco Sciences Inc., U.S.A.
8.	25.6.1990	M/s. Maharashtra Hybrid Seed Company Ltd., 19 Raj Mahal 84, Veer Nariman Road Bombay-400020.	M/s Asgro Seeds Company, U.S.A.

Workshop of Voluntary Agencies for Welfare of Desolate Children

560. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some workshop of voluntary agencies for welfare of desolate children has been held recently at New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made during this workshop;

(c) whether it is a fact that some